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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Since such decisions require inter-ministerial consultations no definite timeframe is envisaged.

Arrest of SIMI activities

†782. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that members of the banned terrorist organization 'SIMI' have been arrested on account of a number of terrorist incidents in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) the total numbers of members the said organization arrested so far; and

(d) the charges against each of the arrested accused?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. According to information received from the State Governments and NCT Delhi, 179 cases registered against the Students Islamic Movement of India (SIMI) under various provisions of Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, Indian Penal Code, Explosive Substances Act, Prevention of Terrorism Act, Arms Act, Essential Services Act, etc. These cases are at different stages of trial in the Courts. However, the activities of SIMI are under constant watch of law enforcement agencies.

Federal Police for Terrorism

†783. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the whole country has become insecure on account of expansion of terrorism during the last few years;

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- (b) if so, the reaction of Government in this regard;
- (c) whether it is a fact that former Special Secretary in Cabinet Secretariat, Shri V. Balachandran has suggested to constitute federal police, keeping in view the above situation; and
- (d) if so, what are the plans of Government to implement this suggestion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) In comparison to that in the corresponding period in 2005, till October 31, 2006, there has been a significant decline both in terms of incidents and casualties of civilians and security forces in Jammu & Kashmir. The overall security situation in the North-Eastern States has also shown signs of improvement. In the naxal affected States, while the number of incidents has shown a marginal decline, the civilian casualties have slightly increased. Besides, there have been a few major incidents of terrorist violence at Varanasi, Nagpur, Mumbai and Malegaon till 31.10.2006 during the current year and there were some major terrorist incidents at Ayodhya, Shramjeevi Express, Hyderabad, Delhi and Bangalore in 2005.

- (b) The Central and State security and intelligence agencies remain vigilant and take all appropriate measures to avoid any untoward incident and defeat the designs of such terrorist outfits.
- (c) and (d) No such suggestion has come to the notice of the Government.

Inclusion of languages in Eighth Schedule

†784. DR. PRABHA THAKUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government propose to include certain languages in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution;
- (b) if so, the details of the languages selected for the Schedule; and
- (c) the details of the criteria to include any language in the Eighth Schedule?

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